Rural water supply in Orissa

2135. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to Orissa under various rural water supply schemes during last three years till date;

(b) the details of the amount utilized by the State during this period and achievements thereof;

(c) the present status of rural water supply in Orissa;

(d) the total number of villages having assured potable water supply there; and

(e) the time frame for covering the remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI AGATHA SANGMA): (a) and (b) The total amount allocated to Orissa under rural water supply scheme, its utilization and achievements during the last three years and current year is as:

Year	Financial (Rupees in crore)		Physical Achievement	
	Allocation	Utilization	Spot Sources installed	Piped Water Supply Schemes executed
2006-07	103.32	118.48	12142	65
2007-08	168.85	294.68	9008	1010
2008-09	298.68	298.68	13126	2020
2009-10 (Upto 31 Oct'09)	187.13	83.61	1252	150

(c) At present 2,08,957 Spot Sources and 5,308 Rural Piped Water Supply schemes are operative in the State.

(d) 1,34,454 habitations out of 1,41, 928 are having assured potable water supply.

(e) The remaining habitations are targeted to be covered in the coming five years, subject to availability of adequate funds.

Saxena Committee report on BPL

†2136. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made in the report of Saxena Committee constituted to identify the BPL families;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government proposes to implement the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) if so, whether any time-frame has been fixed therefor or there are some hurdles; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) to (d) The Expert Group under the chairmanship of Dr. N.C. Saxena recommended the methodology for identification of Below Poverty Line families, which involves automatic exclusion of rural households from the BPL list, automatic inclusion in the BPL list and grading of the remaining households. The report of the Expert Group has been posted on Ministry's website at ***www.rural.nic.in.*** The report of the Expert Group has been circulated among the State Government/UT administrations and the concerned Central Ministries for their comments. The Ministry of Rural Development is in the process of finalizing the methodology for identification of persons below the Poverty Line in rural areas, taking into account the suggestions/comments received.

Fraud under NREGS in Badmer

†2137. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a fraud of approximately seventy two lakh fifty thousand rupees has taken place under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in Gram Panchayat Sindhary in Badmer, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action being taken by Government against the alleged guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) to (c) There was a fraud of Rs.72 lakh under NREGA and other programmes in Sindhary gram Panchayat of Badmer district of Rajasthan. FIR has been lodged in Police Thana Sindhary. Gram Sewak has been dismissed from the service and Gram Panchayat Sarpanch has been jailed in this case.

NREGA works in Tamil Nadu

2138. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to the State of Tamil Nadu for implementation of NREGA, 2005 during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of households benefited in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether durable assets have been created in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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